

HOUSE RESOLUTION 166
By Brown

A RESOLUTION to honor the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for outstanding service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly pause and pay tribute to those noteworthy organizations whose achievements in community service have redounded to the benefit of the public good; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., is one such group of persons; America's premier Greek-letter organization, established by and for African American women;

WHEREAS, the prestigious organization is holding its 66th Southeastern Regional Conference at the Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center from March 11-15, and is being conducted by the members of Pi Omega and the host Cluster; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's conference, to be attended by more than 2,000 people, is "Building the Future: The Alpha Kappa Alpha Strategy Making the Net Work",

WHEREAS, the record of Alpha Kappa Alpha's origin, growth and development, activities, evolving goals and accomplishments is more than an interesting chronicle of a colorful bit of college-based Americana. It is, rather, a significant and inspiring reflection of the development of a minority group in a changing culture; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1908, the sorority is a service-oriented organization with more than 140,000 undergraduate and alumnae members in over 860 chapters in the United States, the Caribbean, Germany, Seoul, Korea, West Africa and England; and

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WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha is made up of college-educated women who are either matriculating or working in a variety of areas, including education, medicine, business, and law; and

WHEREAS, the organization's targeted areas of service include education, health care, economic empowerment, family, the arts, and global issues; and

WHEREAS, the sorority promotes education through numerous activities, including tutoring, mentoring, providing scholarships and grants; and

WHEREAS, in addition to education, Alpha Kappa Alpha's traditional programs of service focus on world community, family values and traditions, supporting black businesses and health; and

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha sponsors many educational programs, including two week-long summer camps which challenge students to excel in mathematics and science; a fellowship program to expose undergraduate members of the sorority to management training; and several scholarships, fellowships, educational stipends and mini-grants; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the members of this general assembly that they honor those estimable organizations whose outstanding contributions to this state have greatly benefited their fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their many years of extraordinary service, leadership and accomplishment, and extend to the participants in the Southeastern Regional Conference a hearty welcome to Chattanooga and the state of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.